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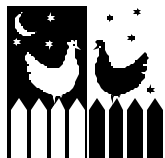
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was weak in the West, cautiously steady to weak elsewhere. Demand into retail and food service was irregular, mostly fair at best, with interest and purchasing still limited. Supplies were adequate to ample and discounted with little response. In the parts structure, trading was light and confined to regular commitments. Availability for all items was at least sufficient with attractive pricing reported. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 66.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 04th of October, 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

ITEM	
LINE RUN TENDERS	216.00
BREASTS - B/S	148.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	96.50
LEG QUARTERS	36.00
WINGS	106.50

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was slightly better for retail due to ads and first of the month business, and food service was fair with most purchasing for immediate needs. Supplies were more than sufficient to satisfy needs. In the parts structure, all items were at least adequate or available for limited needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings of the 3 pound birds were usually in the best balance, and the remainder of sizes were at least adequate to available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings were readily available.

MIDWEST Whole fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings of additional product remained plentiful for a very limited trade interest. Retail and food service demand continued to struggle for first of the month business, mostly light to fair at best. The Chicago area noted occasionally good activity in food service accounts. Floor stocks well cleared to ample, as buyers' order for immediate needs only. Weights were in a desirable range and trending heavier. Trading on parts items was meager overall with occasional moderate trading noted on tenderloins. Supplies of all items were at least fully adequate for trade needs. The market tone was steady on tenderloins, cautiously steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on all other items.

WESTERN The market tone was weak. Offerings of sizes under 3 pounds generally adequate, heavier weights ample. Excess product often discounted with little interest noted in extra product. Buying interest was fair. Retail demand fair to fairly good best for parts. Floor stocks adequate to instances fully adequate. Trade sentiment about steady on parts.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 09/29/01	2001	2000
EGGS SET	177,931	175,075
CHICKS PLACED	141,026	136,863
19 STATES		
EGGS SET	199,025	-
CHICKS PLACED	158,668	-

BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 178 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 29, 2001. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 141 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 29, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 29, 2001 were 5.74 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 29, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 29, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10-Nov-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.44 CENTS PER POUND.

OCTOBER 02, 2001

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 03, 2001

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	918	115.00-190.00	140-145	140.96
TENDERLOINS	177	150.00-250.00	-	165.37
BREAST - LINE RUN	107	73.00-77.00	73-75	74.03
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	40.00-57.00	40-42	41.55
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	366	31.00-33.00	31-32	31.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,200	32.00-36.50	33-35	33.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	311	108.00-112.00	109-110	110.80
WINGS (CUT)	473	115.00-130.00	118-122	121.68
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	964	115.00-191.00	130-140	143.47
TENDERLOINS	180	150.00-250.00	150	165.11
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	168	39.00-57.00	39-42	41.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	766	30.00-34.00	31-32	32.01
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	880	31.50-37.00	33-35	33.55
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
WINGS (CUT)	586	114.00-131.00	114-120	120.92
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.50 - 52.50	49.13	46.50 - 53.00	49.76	49.33

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was light and spotty during midweek trading as dealers maintained closely balanced floorstocks and remained very reluctant to build existing inventories. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate, however, better clearances were noted today as discounting had stimulated sales activity. Bone-in breasts were readily available. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings were fully sufficient. Movement through distributive channels was about fair with retail promotional activity noted as providing the best draw. The foodservice sector remained very slow in recovering from cancellations and limited resort activity. The market tone was cautiously steady to instances weak.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	OCTOBER 02, 2001		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	140.51	535,220
TENDERLOINS	145	148.45	123,435
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	66.10	352,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	61.65	150,400
LEGS	43-44	47.21	237,446
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	33.98	720,884
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	45.74	225,420
THIGHS	37-38	50.33	139,780
B/S THIGHS	89-90	93.74	75,700
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	102.40	536,490
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.06	91,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.47	126,710
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	53.23	170,250

ITEM	OCTOBER 03, 2001		
	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	141.39	428,040
TENDERLOINS	145	148.82	91,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	68.25	289,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	62.67	172,800
LEGS	43-44	47.40	230,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.21	605,669
DRUMSTICKS	41-42	48.25	162,350
THIGHS	37-38	45.61	136,020
B/S THIGHS	89-90	93.73	69,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	99-100	109.32	414,120
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	92,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.56	123,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	53.88	144,280

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	AVG				AVG			
	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS	ACTUAL	WTS	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	WTS
	10/03	10/02	10/01	09/28	10/01	09/28	09/26	09/24
ALA	4,076	4,124	4,115	4,606	5.16	5.05	4,040	5.19
ARK	5,249	5,352	5,209	5,278	5.06	4.72	5,166	5.02
DELMARVA	2,326	2,326	2,188	2,188	4.97	4.97	2,334	5.03
KY-LA-TN	2,027	2,025	2,000	2,195	4.65	4.52	1,982	4.60
MISS	2,840	2,856	2,798	2,829	5.16	5.00	2,791	5.11
NC	2,513	2,626	2,587	2,866	6.11	5.80	2,551	5.93
TEXAS	2,390	2,403	2,393	2,367	5.18	4.80	2,360	5.02
TOTAL	21,421	21,712	21,290	22,329	5.19	4.98	21,224	5.13
MON-WED 64,676(A)							63,940(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Oct 01 and is estimated to be 32,048,000 up 0.62 percent from a week ago and up 6.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,849,000; last year 30,086,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	88-90
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	96-99
	DRY PACK	98-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT 6-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/06/01 (1)	09/29/01
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	160,910 (2)	163,194
LT HENS	1,939	1,974
HVY HENS	1,363	1,496
CHECK TOTAL	164,212	166,664

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Oct-01 is 155.4 million head compared to 155.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.2 million head or 5.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 13-Oct-01 the estimated available is 155.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 1-Oct-01	198,453	57,300
AM 1-Sep-01	189,756	45,223
CHG	8,697	12,077
PCT CHG	5	27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/01/01	09/24/01	10/02/00	10/01/01	09/24/01	10/02/00
PACIFIC COAST	18,577	27,885	19,908	3,734	3,324	8,755
LOS ANGELES	1,051	3,724	290	2,001	2,003	3,563

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2001

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		52-57
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	57-63

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/02/01

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.75	1.35	1.00	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.20	.25	.23	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	1.25	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.40	-	BANTAMS ea.	.30	1.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.40	.50	.42	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.20	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	6.50	8.50	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.50	3.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.25	.92	ROOSTERS ea.	.75	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.10	-	GEESE ea.	-	6.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	.90	.70	DUCKS ea.	3.50	4.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.40	1.15	.91	RABBITS ea.	2.75	4.25	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.50	5.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	2.50	3.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	2.50	9.25	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	2.75	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.50	-				

TOTAL COOPS 102

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending September 28, 2001

	Whole <u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	Legs <u>W/ Thighs</u>	Necks, Backs <u>& Wings</u>	Livers/ <u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	48.67	124.06	76.35	19.09	19.09	42.95
High	56.31	133.61	85.89	23.86	23.86	42.95
Mostly	52.49	133.61	81.12	19.09	23.86	42.95

SAN JUAN

Low	52.49	119.29	66.80	23.86	13.36	43.90
High	56.78	124.06	81.12	35.79	16.70	43.90
Mostly	54.87	124.06	76.35	28.63	14.32	43.90

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	47.72	124.06	71.58	14.32	19.09	42.95
High	55.35	133.61	81.12	23.86	23.86	42.95
Mostly	52.49	124.06	76.35	19.09	19.09	42.95

BECERRA

Low	52.01	124.06	71.58	33.40	16.70	45.81
High	57.26	133.61	81.12	38.17	19.09	45.81
Mostly	57.26	128.84	73.96	33.40	19.09	45.81

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook birds was slow to fair at best with mid-week activity generally noted as average to below average. Offerings continued to vary by both size and volume, and remained fully sufficient for immediate needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mixed in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Boneless skinless breast and wings were readily available and slow to clear. Bone-in breasts were ample. Leg quarters were generally noted as adequate and in a manageable balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	47-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.33
NO. OF BOXES	13,648

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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